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NATIONAL REGULATORY FAIRNESS CONFERENCE TO BE HELD AT SBA HEADQUARTERS

WHAT: The Small Business Administration's (SBA) Office of the National Ombudsman is hosting a conference of its 10 Regional Fairness Boards to orient new members, and meet with various federal agencies to discuss regulatory enforcement policies and issues that concern small business owners. The Office of the National Ombudsman evaluates and rates federal agency enforcement and compliance activities, while working to improve the regulatory climate for the nation's 25 million small businesses.

WHO: 50 Small Business leaders from across the U.S.
Small Business & Agriculture Regulatory Enforcement Ombudsman
Office of the National Ombudsman
Occupational Safety & Health Administration (OSHA)
Department of Labor
Department of Agriculture
Internal Revenue Service
Small Business Administration

WHEN: October 17-19, 2000

WHERE: SBA Headquarters
409 3rd Street SW
Eisenhower Conference Room (8th Floor)
Washington, D.C.
(202) 205-2417

WHY: This is the first meeting of the federal agencies that regulate small businesses since 1996, when President Clinton signed into law the Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act. The agencies will meet with small business representatives in workshops to discuss ways to make the enforcement and compliance environments friendlier to small businesses.

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